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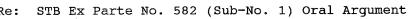
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Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's Decision of February 22, 2001, this is to notify the Board of the desire of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the American Train Dispatchers Department - BLE, and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, through the undersigned counsel, to participate in the oral argument scheduled for April 5, 2001. request ten minutes to address issues associated with safety, cross-border transactions, and employee protection. We will be coordinating the presentation of these unions' views with those of the Rail Labor Division of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO.

Thank you.

cc by mail: All counsel of record